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Young to play Halifax

NEIL There will be a harvest moon in Halifax this fall. Canadian music legend Neil Young is set to perform at the Halifax Metro Centre on Saturday, Nov. 29.

The Toronto-born, Winnipeg-raised singer-songwriter is appearing as part of his tour to support his latest release, *Chrome Dreams II*. This is his first appearance in Halifax since he played with his band, Crazy Horse, in the 1990s.

Tickets to see the former member of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young are \$75 for general admittance floor, and \$50 to \$250 for reserved seating.

Seats go on sale this Saturday. Call 451-1221 or visit www.ticketatlantic.com.



Neil Young

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**Riding away
the pounds**

Medal Jump



Canada's Ian Millar riding In Style clears a jump in the equestrian jumping individual second qualifier at the Olympic Games yesterday. In his ninth Olympics, the 61-year-old helped Team Canada to win the silver yesterday — his first medal — in the team competition. More coverage, page 8.

Pilot airlifted to hospital after plane crash

GRAND MIRA NORTH — A 64-year-old man was airlifted to hospital in Halifax after his two-seater plane crashed on the Grand Mira North Road.

The light single-engine plane crashed nose-first at about 12:15 p.m., across the road from the owner's landing strip. Witnesses at the scene identified the pi-

lot as Barry Hussey.

The pilot was the only person aboard. He was listed in critical condition yesterday.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

\$90M tag for plant upgrades

Kelly wants feds to pay up

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The Harbour Solutions project may be complete for now, but it's just the beginning, says Mayor Peter Kelly.

It's expected to cost \$90 million to get our waste treatment plants to meet upcoming national standards, and Kelly thinks Ottawa should foot most of the bill.

"If the federal government is changing standards across the country, then we also want them to bring some money with them," said Kelly.

"Don't demand a higher level without bringing the resources to help municipalities get there."

Currently the harbour water goes through "advanced primary" treatment, where it is chemically cleaned and disinfected. But new environmental benchmarks demanding secondary treatment are expected to become law within the next year or two — they're currently before the House of Commons.

Secondary treatment involves using bacteria that feed on the sewage. Another step — tertiary treatment — involves putting the water through a filtering process such as a sand filter. The \$90 million cost to

upgrade would likely be much higher, except the sewage treatment plants were built with upgrades in mind. They're designed to easily accommodate for secondary treatment.

There may be improvements on the swimming side as well.

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Mayor Peter Kelly

The new plants have helped parts of Halifax Harbour reach current safety levels for swimming. Black Rock Beach and Dingle Beach were recently reopened to swimmers for the first time in decades, but have since been closed twice due to heavy rain causing sewage to leak into the water.

Kelly said this problem should also be alleviated in the coming years as the city works towards separating rainwater from sewage. Holding tanks are planned to be built to slow stormwater from overflowing.

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Sports for grown-ups

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Tomorrow's Metro



Automotive

Volkswagen Tiguan takes on crossover competition.

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Watch reports on the resignation of Kandahar's controversial governor and on Canada's continued success at the Beijing Olympics

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News in brief

PENSION Truro police were ecstatic after hearing a judge rule in their favour in a pension battle with the town.

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Travellers 'upset' over flight fees

Air Canada charging for car seats, strollers

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Amanda Patterson of Halifax says it's ridiculous Air Canada is charging extra to check child car seats and strollers for children over the age of two.

"A lot of people I think are very upset," she said.

Patterson was checking in for an Air Canada flight at Halifax Stanfield International Airport yesterday with her five-year-old daughter and one-year-old son.

Luckily, she didn't accrue the \$25 to \$50 charge because infants, under the age of two, are allowed extra luggage like car seats and strollers without a fee.

But she would have had to pay for five-year-old Emily's car seat if she didn't

"We think it's quite a reasonable schedule we've got."

Air Canada's
Peter Fitzpatrick

n't have the grandparents helping out with their own booster seat at her destination.

"It's law in Canada that children under 80 lbs need to be in a car seat," Patterson said. "So, she (Emily) only weighs 35 lbs and she needs a car seat at the other end."

Peter Fitzpatrick, spokesman for Air Canada, said children aged two and older are now allowed only one checked bag and two carry-on items where previously they were allowed two checked bags and strollers and car seats

were accepted free of charge.

Fitzpatrick said strollers can be counted as one of the carry-on items, but it would have to be a certain size.

"We think it's quite a reasonable schedule we've got," he said.

The change is in response to rising fuel costs, he said, but not all airlines are following suit.

President and CEO of Porter Airlines, Robert Deluce, said the company doesn't and will not charge additional fees for child care items such as strollers and car seats.

And a spokeswoman for WestJet said the same.

"We usually carry car seats and/or strollers at no charge and as far as I'm aware there's no plans to start charging," said Gillian Bentley.



Amanda Patterson and her daughter Emily, 5, and son William, 1, were checking in to an Air Canada flight yesterday afternoon at Halifax International Airport. Patterson said she doesn't agree with the airline charging extra for car seats and strollers.

Review urged for propane facilities

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A New Democrat MLA is calling on the province to do an immediate review of safety standards and regulations around propane facilities in Nova Scotia.

Dartmouth South-Portland Valley MLA Marilyn More sent a letter to the Minister of Labour and Workforce Development, Mark Parent, yesterday with the request.

"I just wanted to find out from the minister what the safety standards and inspection

schedules are in Nova Scotia so I can reassure people that they're safe," she said.

Residents in her riding have expressed concern about their proximity to propane dispensing stations after a large facility in north Toronto blew up on Aug. 11.

She said the tragic incident is an opportunity for the province to look into its own safety standards for fuel facilities.

Bob Cormier, the province's fire marshal and director of public safety, said propane sites are in-

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New Democrat
MLA Marilyn More

spected once a year and problems are immediately rectified.

"We have an extremely good working relationship with the industry which is

as concerned about safety as we are," he said.

"They cannot afford to have an incident occur — for the very reason of course that there's an uproar in Ontario at the present time."

Cormier said the province is in constant communication with safety officials in Toronto who are conducting an in-depth investigation into the cause of the blast.

"If there are changes that would increase the safety, we will certainly be looking at incorporating them," he said.

MLA slams charges for health records

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NDP MLA Frank Corbett is calling on the health minister to protect Nova Scotians from having to pay "unreasonable fees" to transfer their medical records.

The MLA for Cape Breton Centre says it's not fair that many Nova Scotians families are being made to pay a \$175.50 federal fee to obtain a copy of their medical record because the province is unable to retain

doctors outside HRM.

Dr. Marius Naghiu, a Sydney doctor, recently informed his patients that he's shutting down his practice and all medical records are being stored with a private company.

Through a department spokeswoman, Health Minister Chris d'Entremont agreed the fee seems "a little unreasonable."

But spokeswoman Krista Chapdelaine said the issue will be alleviated by the electronic patient record system.



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Another groping in city's south end

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Police are investigating yet another brazen groping in south-end Halifax.

A 36-year-old woman, who had been out for a run on Friday at 7:50 p.m., re-

turned to her car parked on Hollis Street across from the train station when a man came up to her.

Described as a clean-cut man in his 20s, he apologized before briefly groping her breast. The man walked away and joined a woman across the street.

The woman described the suspect as about five foot four, with curly, shoulder-length strawberry-blond hair, wearing brown shorts and a teal shirt. His accomplice was a five-foot-five, heavy-set white woman in her mid-20s with crooked brown teeth.

"There were a number of very similar type incidents in the area earlier in the year," Halifax regional police spokesman Const. Jeff Carr said. "If the suspect description in this one was similar, we would certainly like to speak to the previous suspect."

Get on the voters list

There's a municipal and school board election Saturday, Oct. 18, and the city is updating its voters list. If you've just moved to town, turned 18, or had a death in your household, call 490-8683 or 1-888-820-8683. You can also e-mail election@halifax.ca. **METRO HALIFAX**

Tracking turtles with tech

College students giving reptiles tiny radio transmitters to monitor movements

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Nova Scotia Community College students are using their technical skills to help save the endangered Blanding's turtle from extinction.

The students are fixing tiny radio transmitters and GPS equipment that are tagged on the backs of turtles in Kejimikujik National Park.

"I can probably get about 16 or 17 completely done in a week," said Cheryl Hill, a second-year electrical engineering student at the Nova Scotia Community College.

The 27-year-old from Musquodoboit is spending her summer refurbishing and replacing the batteries in the radios for Parks Canada.

She recently went along with scientists to see first-hand how the transmitters work in the field.

Parks Canada has been tracking the Blanding's turtle for about two decades. Learning more about its habitat and movements provides key information to help protect them.

The transmitters range in weight from 0.3 grams to 50 grams, depending on the turtle, and are epoxied onto the reptile's back.

"One of the biggest challenges we have ... is the battery life is short," said



Cheryl Hill, a second-year electrical engineering student at Nova Scotia Community College, fixes tiny transmitters that are used to monitor endangered Blanding's turtles in Kejimikujik National Park.

Duncan Smith, a Parks Canada biologist.

"It's fantastic that (the NSCC) can refurbish the radios for us in a third of the time than previously done."

"That really helps us because we can get more radios out there for longer

and it will actually help us keep the turtles longer and identify some of these key habitats."

Smith estimates the adult Blanding's turtle population to be about 350.

"There's not many," he said.

The number of younger turtles, which have a high mortality rate, isn't known.

Blanding's turtles reach maturity at 20 years and live more than 70 years. Their yellow throats and long necks distinguish them.

Smith says they're mainly concentrated in Keji and nearby McGowan Lake and Pleasant River.

Smith says the next step is attaching radios to newborn turtles, called hatchlings, in a few weeks.

News in brief

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY Police are still looking for a gang of teens who beat and attempted to rob a 20-year-old man outside a Bayers Road recreation centre Sunday night. At about 10 p.m., the man was walking through the St. Andrews Centre parking lot when a group of about eight youth who had been hanging around a nearby bus stop attacked him, knocking him to the ground and demanding cash. The man refused and the teens fled when another man approached. The attackers were described as black.

CONTRABAND Two Lunenburg County men face charges for possessing illegal cigarettes after police stopped their car last Saturday. Police pulled the men's 2000 Plymouth Voyager over on Highway 102 near Lower Sackville at 8:15 p.m. and found 450 cartons of contraband cigarettes. The men were arrested and will appear in Dartmouth provincial court Oct. 22.

ASSAULT Police arrested one of two men who refused to pay for tires and assaulted an employee at M&R Enterprise in Dartmouth yesterday afternoon. Police later arrested a man after locating a white Nissan vehicle in the Downey Road area.

EVENT Excitement is taking off for the first air show in Yarmouth in 17 years, says the show's executive director, Greg Moulaison. The Sept. 13 and 14 event will feature performances by the world famous Snowbirds, Skyhawks and a flash fire jet truck that goes 350 m.p.h. in seven seconds, in addition to many other attractions. A crowd of at least 6,000 is expected, and 200 hotel room nights will be required for performers alone.

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Tories have candidate if election called

Party says it will be ready in Bill Casey's riding, even though no name was announced

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If predictions of a fall federal election come true, a new Conservative candidate for Bill Casey's riding of Cumberland-Colchester Musquodoboit Valley is just around the corner.

"If there's an election, we'll have a candidate," said Ryan Sparrow, spokesman for the Con-

servative Party of Canada. "There's numerous ridings where we may have candidates signed up — they just haven't been named yet."

He said a nomination has yet to be held in the former Conservative MP's riding.

Independent MP Casey said as far as he knows, there's no word on a candidate yet in his riding.

"As soon as they're sure there will be an election,

"If there's an election, we'll have a candidate. There's numerous ridings where we may have candidates signed up — they just haven't been named yet."

Ryan Sparrow, Tory spokesperson

then they'll have to do something quickly," he said.

He reiterated that Prime Minister Stephen Harper made it very clear at the time Casey was ousted

from the Conservative caucus that in the case of a general election, there will be a Conservative candidate in the riding, and it will not be Casey.

Search continues for missing man

SEARCH RCMP continued a search yesterday for Edwin Sperry, 61, of Petite Riviere, who went missing over the weekend.

CBC reported he was last seen around 11 a.m. Sunday, when he went for a walk

on his property.

Department of Natural Resources helicopters, ground search and rescue crews and local firefighters searched for Sperry Monday, and a dive team is expected to join today. **METRO HALIFAX**

Foul play not suspected in child death

SEARCH After an autopsy yesterday, Bridgewater Police determined the death of a 10-year-old boy found in his Bridgewater home last Friday afternoon did not involve foul play.

If a cause of death is undetermined, police always consider the death suspicious until an autopsy has been performed.

Police have not disclosed the cause of death. **METRO HALIFAX**

Organ donation is bittersweet for families and recipients

Something positive can come out of the worst day of your life. Just ask Pat O'Shea. O'Shea's wife Norma died suddenly last year. He knew she wanted to be a full organ donor and the family gave their consent to medical staff.

"There was no question about what we do," he said recently.

As a result of Norma's organ donation, six people's lives were saved and 38 others benefited from her tissue donation.

"It gives us great comfort we fulfilled Norma's wish and so many people were helped," said O'Shea, noting he's received letters from several people whose lives were saved by Norma's organs. "All six people who received organs are doing really well."

O'Shea said discussing organ donation wasn't difficult for him and his wife because

"It gives us great comfort we fulfilled Norma's wish."

Pat O'Shea

it was just something they knew they should do. And he's grateful they did talk about it because it made his family's decision easy on what he described as the "worst day of his life."

Carol Larade, who received a liver transplant in 2001, also participated in Saturday's awareness event and said she's living proof of the importance of organ donation.

"I should have been dead seven years ago," she said.

Larade said given the anonymity of the organ and tissue donation process she's always grateful for the opportunity to meet with organ donor families.

CAPE BRETON POST

Three men from Burnt Islands, N.L., were convicted of fishing violations after a high-tech investigation, CBC News Online reports. Department of Fisheries and Oceans officers tracked the men after finding unmarked lobster traps and placing live lobsters implanted with microchips in each of the traps. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Poachers foiled by lobsters with microchips

Canada



Buyer's market for yachts

As Americans cut back spending on life's necessities, Europeans and Canadians are taking up the slack by buying some of life's luxuries, including yachts. Yacht sales, especially previously owned vessels that sell for more than \$300,000, are selling quite strongly, several boat brokerages say.

REUTERS

PM's Olympic bypass costly, says Chretien

In bypassing the Beijing Olympics, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has undermined the work that every Canadian leader since John Diefenbaker has poured into improving relations with China, Jean Chretien said yesterday.

The former prime minister said he would not have hesitated for "a second" to attend the Games and called Harper's decision to skip the opening ceremonies a mistake with potentially costly consequences for Canadian trade.

"It is the second-biggest economy in the world and, in 50 years, it will be the

Political potshots

• Yesterday's remarks were not the first political potshots Chretien has taken at Harper. The most memorable were an attack on the Conservative prime minister during the 2006 Liberal leadership con-

vention in Montreal, where he openly mocked Harper. "I was in China and Hong Kong ... and I think Harper is even less popular (there) than in Canada," he told the partisan crowd then.

biggest economy in the world," Chretien told reporters after a speech to the Canadian Bar Association.

"Starting with Diefenbaker, Trudeau and all of us, we established very good relations, relatively speaking, with China. And suddenly you break the

bridge."

Harper's office noted in response that Chretien had missed several Olympics while he was prime minister from 1993 to 2003.

"I find it ironic that Prime Minister Chretien ... somehow skipped the '94, '98, 2000 and 2002 opening ceremonies. Based on

his remarks, should we conclude that relations with those countries were damaged because Prime Minister Chretien did not attend four out of five Olympic games that took place while he was prime minister?" said Dimitri Soudas, Harper's assistant press secretary.

The winter Olympics were held in Lillehammer, Norway in 1994, Nagano, Japan in 1998, and Salt Lake City in 2002. The 2000 summer Olympics took place in Sydney, Australia. Chretien did attend the 1996 summer Olympics in Atlanta.

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Harper says Parliament is 'quite a soap opera'

POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper kicked off a quick swing through Toronto and southwestern Ontario with a campaign-style speech that served as a rallying cry to party faithful.

With four byelections looming — including two in Ontario — and the strong whiff of a federal fall election in the air, Harper mocked Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion last night as a weak leader who has never made good on his threat to defeat Harper's government.

Harper said the current Parliament "has become quite a soap opera."

The Prime Minister did not repeat his suggestion of last week that he might

move to dissolve his own government, but he quoted Liberal deputy leader Michael Ignatieff's comment to a B.C. radio station that the Liberals were ready for Harper to "bring it on."

Liberal foreign affairs critic Bob Rae "said it should be before the end of the year, and Mr. Dion said the government should be defeated, but he needs better polls first," Harper said.

While "this Liberal soap opera has been going on," his government has been establishing a record to be proud of, Harper added. He also said the Liberals have a "hidden agenda" to raise taxes.

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Stephen Harper

Vancouver mayor to carry Paralympic Torch

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

VANCOUVER Mayor Sam Sullivan barely squeezed through the doorways at City Hall yesterday while testing out the wheelchair attachment city engineers designed to hold the Paralympic Torch in Beijing.

Sullivan, who is heading to China today, is one of only a few non-Chinese participants in the Paralympic Torch relay on Sept. 5.

"It's important ... to be in China to say that people with disabilities can work and take their place in society."

Sam Sullivan

"I think (it's) in recognition of Vancouver and Canada being the next host," said Sullivan.

"I put a lot of effort into raising the profile of the Paralympic Games and it's important ... to be in China to say that people with disabilities can work and take

their place in society."

"I think that's a message that really needs to be told."

The flag holder, a triangular piece of metal embossed with the city's crest and attached to the side of his chair, is the same one he used when he accepted the Olympic flag in Torino.

Curious children believed to be cause of Calgary fires

NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Canada

FIRES It might be an opportunistic pursuit of excitement, but you just might get burned in the process.

Experimenting children are believed to have start-

ed a fire the tore through two homes on the 100-block of Calgary's Citadel Estates Heights Sunday night, the second blaze started by curious youth in less than a month.

Calgary psychologist Dr. Jon Amundson said playing with fire is part of growing up, most who do

try it are simply emulating the everyday behaviour of adults.

The difference is, Amundson said, many children can't conceive the consequences of their actions until it's too late.

The damage estimate for the Citadel fire has not yet been disclosed.

CNE Olympic spirit



Mathieu Turgeon, a two-time Olympian and winner of a bronze for trampoline at the Sydney Olympics in 2000, leaps through the air at the CNE yesterday — the same day his wife Karen Cockburn won a silver medal for trampoline in Beijing.

Prentice promotes trade pact in U.S.

NAFTA Industry Minister Jim Prentice talked up the North American Free Trade Agreement in the United States yesterday in an attempt to counter criticism of the trade pact south of the border.

"Under the auspices of NAFTA we have created an incredibly successful trading relationship," Prentice told Torstar News Service after speaking to the Americas Competitiveness Forum in Atlanta.

With manufacturing jobs disappearing in the United States at an alarming rate, there is a growing chorus of voices blaming the free trade deal for bleeding off jobs to Canada and Mexico.

Prentice said that half the battle in dealing with American officials and business leaders is reminding them Canada is their largest trading partner, including in energy sources.

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HEALTH Federal Health Minister Tony Clement contends safe injection sites may well violate the standards of medical ethics, a position that earned him a crisp and swift rebuke from the country's largest doctors' group. Speaking to the Canadian Medical Association's annual assembly, Clement stepped up his attacks on Insite, a controversial

supervised injection centre in Vancouver.

SCIENCE Patients infected with West Nile virus can develop long-term symptoms such as fatigue, fuzzy thinking and movement difficulties, but researchers at McMaster University in Ontario said yesterday that these symptoms go away

after about a year. The mosquito-borne virus arrived in the Americas in 1999 and quickly began to sicken patients.

HAMMER ATTACK A Toronto woman is under arrest after an alleged hammer attack on a TTC bus earlier yesterday. Around 11 a.m., a woman wearing a red wig boarded a TTC bus and be-

gan arguing with the driver before striking her with a hammer, said police. "It involved a dispute over the boarding procedure on the bus. She became verbally abusive to the bus driver and was asked to get off the bus, and that's when she attacked the driver," said Det. Paul Worden of 31 Division.

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The BlackBerry Bold, RIM's latest smart phone offering aimed at the company's customer base of business users, will hit Rogers stores on Thursday. No pricing has been announced yet, but RIM co-CEO Jim Balsillie said in May it will cost between \$300 and \$400. **REUTERS**

World/Business

Musharraf steps down

The United States praised Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf as a committed partner against terrorism and pledged after his resignation yesterday to keep a good relationship with the new government and fight extremism together.

The White House said President Bush looked forward to working with Pakistan on the economic, political and security challenges it faces.

"President Bush appreciates President Musharraf's

efforts in the democratic transition of Pakistan as well as his commitment to fighting al-Qaida and extremist groups," White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe said in Texas, where Bush is at his ranch.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice praised Musharraf for having made the "critical choice" to join the battle against al-Qaida, the Taliban and other extremists.

U.S. officials have recently voiced frustration with Pakistan's efforts as

Background

• Musharraf took office in a coup in 1999. He was an important ally for Washington in the U.S.-declared "war on terror" and Pakistan received billions of dollars in U.S. counterterrorism aid during his government.

the Taliban and al-Qaida regrouped in remote, tribal areas, where some American officials and analysts believe al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden is

hiding.

Speculation Musharraf would resign had mounted since Pakistan's fractious coalition government, led by the party of assassinated former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, said this month it planned to impeach him.

Bush has not spoken with Musharraf since his resignation was announced.

The United States was not involved in any asylum discussions with the Pakistani leader. **REUTERS**

Business

Visa, banks launch fraud-alert program

NEW YORK Visa Inc. and eight U.S. and Canadian lenders have launched a pilot program designed to alert cardholders in real time that they might be victims of fraud.

Visa, the world's largest card network, said the test will provide as many as 2,000 cardholders with alerts via e-mail or through their mobile devices within seconds of their cards being used, rather than within hours or days.

Participants may choose to be alerted to a variety of types of card usage, including ATM withdrawals, international transactions, In-

ternet or phone transactions, and transactions above specified amounts.

Canadian lenders taking part in the pilot program are Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto-Dominion Bank and Vancity, which is Canada's largest credit union.

Card companies report losses approaching \$50 billion U.S. annually because of credit card fraud, the nonprofit Consumer Action has estimated.

REUTERS



Russian troops yet to leave Georgia

CRISIS Russian troops and tanks were still deployed in several areas of Georgia early today, apparently defying pressure from the West to withdraw quickly.

Armed Georgian policemen and Russian soldiers guarded separate checkpoints only a few hundred metres apart in the village of Igoeti in central Georgia, about 45 km (28 miles) from the Georgian capital, Tbilisi.

Russia's Defence Ministry has said the army's withdrawal from Georgia has started, but yesterday a Reuters correspondent who travelled to the central town of Gori saw little evidence of a pullout from the area.

The conflict began 10 days ago when Georgian forces tried earlier this month to recapture South Ossetia, which broke free from Tbilisi in a war during the 1990s. Russia launched an overwhelming counter-



A boy in Stavropol looks at photographs of damaged buildings in Tskhinvali, the main city of Georgia's breakaway region of South Ossetia.

attack to support the separatists.

The Russian attack — its biggest military deploy-

ment outside its borders since the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union — included air strikes on economic targets

deep inside Georgia, forcing the Georgian army into retreat, and shocked the West. **REUTERS**

Fannie, Freddie fall 20 percent

NEW YORK The prospect of more losses from the mortgage crisis hurt the shares of banks and the two biggest home finance providers yesterday, pushing all three major indexes down about 1.5 per cent.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shed more than 20 per cent each after Barron's reported that the U.S. Treasury may need to recapitalize the home finance giants. Such a move could wipe out shareholders and effectively nationalize the government-sponsored enterprises.

The Treasury says it had no plans to use its authority to backstop either of the two companies. **REUTERS**

In brief

OIL Oil fell to \$113 U.S. a barrel as fears eased that Tropical Storm Fay would damage major oil and gas infrastructure in the Gulf of Mexico. While some offshore personnel had to be evacuated, it appears the storm will miss crucial production and refinery facilities. However, oil's losses were tempered by hindered shipments in Georgia.

COREL Consumer software developer and maker of WordPerfect, CorelDraw and WinZip Corel Corp. said Monday its majority shareholder Corel Holdings LP — which owns 69 of Corel's shares — has withdrawn its offer to buy out the rest of the company. Corel now sits at \$9.43 Cdn a share in Toronto. **REUTERS**

Suicide bomber kills 10 civilians

AFGHANISTAN A Taliban suicide bomber rammed an explosives-packed car into the gate of the main U.S. military base yesterday in Afghanistan, killing 10 civilians and wounding 13. **REUTERS**

Iran ready to launch satellites

IRAN Iran said yesterday it was ready to help fellow Muslim states launch satellites into orbit after it successfully put a dummy satellite into orbit on Sunday. **REUTERS**

Key West nonchalantly weathers storm

FLORIDA As Tropical Storm Fay buffeted Key West yesterday, islanders displayed the nonchalance that has earned Florida's southernmost city its laid-back reputation.

"I might close if there are no customers, but not because of this weather,"

said Sean Kiborn, manager of Starbucks on Key West's main thoroughfare, Duval Street.

"There haven't been any real problems with Fay," said Doug Bryan, who works at the city marina and lives on his houseboat, Casa Blanca. "I've worked

with some of the boat owners, especially the live-aboard folks. Mostly we are adding lines for security."

The island city of about 25,000 residents lies at the end of the 210 kilometre Florida Keys archipelago and its economy depends heavily on tourism. **REUTERS**

News in brief

MAURITANIA The United States has threatened more cuts in aid to Mauritania if the country's new military rulers do not reinstate its first freely elected president, Sidi

Mohamed Ould Cheikh Abdallahi, who is being imprisoned by the ruling military junta.

ARGENTINA Government plans

to decriminalize drug use as stirring controversy in Argentina's slums, where a crack-like drug called paco is blamed for fueling crime, violence and desperation. **REUTERS**

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emotional satisfaction is greatest. Individuals take pride in their home, from the dirt in their fingernails from growing plants to weekly visits to their chiropractor after building a new deck. For many, buying a home is a form of forced saving and the only asset for their retirement. A house continues to be the most valuable asset owned by an individual.

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Adrienne Power of Halifax was fifth in her preliminary heat and advanced to Round 2 in the women's 200 metres early this morning in Beijing. Power finished with a time of 23:40 seconds. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Beijing Games

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Sterling silver finishes

Whitfield wins 2nd Olympic medal, Cockburn nabs 3rd

Add three more silvers to Canada's medal haul.

Victoria's Simon Whitfield won his second Olympic medal early this morning with a silver in the men's triathlon.

Whitfield, a gold medalist in Sydney in 2000, broke free from the pack and held the lead down the stretch, but was passed with 100 metres to go by Germany's Jan Frodeno.

Yesterday in Beijing, Toronto's Karen Cockburn bounced back from a painful right knee injury to win silver in the trampoline competition.

Soon after, 61-year-old Ian Millar of Perth, Ont., and his teammates — Eric Lamaze of Schomberg, Ont., Jill Henselwood of Oxford Mills, Ont., and Mac Cone of King City, Ont. —



also brought home a silver finish, this time in in equestrian team show jumping.

The medal is Millar's first in nine trips to the Games.

Asked how it feels to get a medal after nearly four decades of trying, Millar replied, "If you persevere long enough, if you do the right things long enough the right things will happen. That's the definition of perseverance and I've always been a perseverer."

Cockburn, who said she was in such pain on Sunday that she took a complete 24-hour rest and a handful of medication, now has three Olympic



The Canadian team, from left, Mac Cone, Ian Millar, Eric Lamaze and Jill Henselwood celebrate after receiving their silver medals following the Olympic equestrian team show jumping competition yesterday in Hong Kong.

medals after bronze in Sydney and silver in Athens.

"It's so hard to believe," Cockburn said. "I just started this sport for fun. It wasn't even an Olympic sport. Then it got into the

Olympics. I went to three Games. I have a third medal.

"I do this sport for fun and this is just bonus and it's amazing and I'm just trying to soak it in."

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Toronto's Karen Cockburn won her third medal in as many Olympic Games yesterday when she claimed silver in the women's trampoline competition in Beijing.



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Russell takes aim at podium

CANOE-KAYAK Andrew Russell will have a chance to add to Canada's medal count at the Olympics in Beijing on Friday.

The Dartmouth canoeist advanced to the C-2 1,000-metre final yesterday along with partner Gabriel Beauchesne-Seigny of Trois Rivières, Que., placing third among seven teams in a qualifying heat with a time of 3:43.491.

Russell and Beauchesne-Seigny can also qualify for Saturday's C-2 500-metre fi-

nal in today's qualifying heats.

Waverley's Karen Furneaux was unable to qualify for the K-4 500 final after placing fifth in yesterday's heat.

The K-4 boat will have a second chance in the semifinals later this week.

Furneaux will race in K-1 500 qualifying today.



Russell

Here are some other recent Nova Scotian result:

• Lunenburg sailor Lisa Ross ended up with a 17th overall finish in the laser radial and did not qualify for today's medal race.

• Halifax sailor Oliver Bone placed 29th in the men's 470 and did not qualify for yesterday's medal race.

• Antigonish native Eric Gillis placed 33rd in the men's 10,000 metres on Sunday with a time of 29:08.10.

METRO HALIFAX

Final Clapp for Canada after tough loss to Japan

BASEBALL Second baseman Stubby Clapp vowed to fight until the final out after Canada's medal hopes all-but-disappeared with a 1-0 loss to Japan in Olympic baseball yesterday.

A career minor leaguer who had just a sniff with the St. Louis Cardinals before turning to coaching, Clapp was left devastated as he watched his Olympic dream end in four consecutive gut-wrenching one-run defeats.

The five-foot, eight-inch Clapp has been an international baseball fan

favourite for his unusual name, scrappy play and trademark pre-game back flips.

"I will play to the last out," pledged Clapp, fighting to hold his emotions in check. "As along as I have Canada across my uniform I will play until the last out."

"Unfortunately we aren't going to be in the medal round to show the hard work everyone has put in to get us here."

"I just wished it ended a little bit better."

REUTERS

Medal count

Rank	Nation	U.S.	China	Russia	Australia	France	Britain	Germany	South Korea	Japan	Italy	Ukraine	Netherlands	Cuba	Belarus	Canada	Romania	Spain	Kazakhstan	Poland	Kenya	Total
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#2	China	39	14	14	67																	
#3	Russia	8	13	15	36																	
#4	Australia	11	10	12	33																	
#5	France	4	11	13	28																	
#6	Britain	12	7	8	27																	
#7	Germany	9	7	7	23																	
#8	South Korea	8	9	6	23																	
#9	Japan	8	5	7	20																	
#10	Italy	6	6	6	18																	
#11	Ukraine	5	3	8	16																	
#12	Netherlands	3	5	4	12																	
#13	Cuba	1	5	5	11																	
#14	Belarus	1	3	7	11																	
#15	Canada	2	3	4	9																	
#16	Romania	4	1	3	8																	
#17	Spain	3	3	2	8																	
#18	Kazakhstan	1	3	4	8																	
#19	Poland	3	3	1	7																	
#20	Kenya	2	3	2	7																	

(Count at the end of Day 10)

Study

Only 10 of the 10,500 athletes competing in the Beijing Olympics are openly gay, according to a study by Outsports.com. **REUTERS**

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Beijing Games

Perseverance pays off for elite athletes

Olympic all-stars rebound after team failures

Adam van Koeverden is a kayaking king, a heavy favourite for Olympic gold this week.

And, yet, it wasn't all that long ago when this same young man from Oakville, Ont., suffered from an inferiority complex.

"I used to feel weird in gym class (less than 10 years ago) because I wasn't good at any team sports," van Koeverden mentioned before he flew to Beijing, where he qualified yesterday for the men's 1,000-metre final with a dominating opening-heat performance he led from start to finish. "I felt inferior. I couldn't really dribble a basketball or kick a soccer ball."

What's remarkable is how common this is. Many athletes in Beijing flopped in other sports before turning to theirs.

Would you believe 23-year-old swimming sensation **Michael Phelps** — yes, the same American dude with the unprecedented eight gold medals — was cut by a kid's baseball team?

Oh, and the world's fastest man, **Usain Bolt**? He's a record-setting sprinter, of course, but couldn't crack a Jamaican soccer team during his pre-teens.

"It's amazing how often you see athletes succeed in individual sports after

Jamaica's **Usain Bolt**, who won gold on Saturday in the men's 100-metre race, failed to make a local soccer team as a boy.

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they've experienced setbacks in team sports," said **Bob Bowman**, who has coached Phelps since the swimmer was 11. "Team sports are emphasized more when we grow up, by our parents and our schools. Kids often get depressed when they don't make it in team sports, but that's also when they often check out individual sports, exactly what happened

with Michael."

Bowman spotted Phelps as a pool prodigy in Baltimore. It was Bowman, a college swimmer-turned-coach with a degree in child psychology, who convinced Phelps' parents he had the talent to develop into an Olympic star.

"He lacked confidence at first," Bowman said. "And he was battling a disease (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder). But he overcame all that as he realized his strengths."

The Olympics are laden with stories about athletes succeeding after overcoming adversity.

Rower **Dominic Seiterle**, part of the Canadian men's eight team that won gold in Beijing, couldn't even compete at the 2004 Olympics in Athens because of a serious blood infection that almost took his life. He also overcame thyroid cancer.

Karen Cockburn, the Ontarian who garnered silver on the trampoline in Beijing, was under a knife less than a year ago after tearing cartilage in a knee. And then there was Ontarian **Ian Millar** finally winning a silver in equestrian, in his ninth Olympics appearance, at age 61.

Remarkable comeback stories go on and on. They're as fascinating as the Olympic competitions themselves. And they teach us nifty lessons about perseverance.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.



Sports in brief

SOFTBALL Canada's women's softball team has advanced, keeping their medal hopes alive. Despite losing their last four games the Canadian squad moves on after Venezuela was beaten by Australia. Canada (3-4) now faces Australia (5-2) tomorrow in the semifinals. The other semi has the United States (7-0) playing Japan (6-1).

BASKETBALL The United States continued their relentless march to the gold medal by trouncing Germany 106-57 to preserve their perfect record in the Olympic men's basketball competition yesterday. Dwight Howard scored a team-high 22 points for the U.S., who will play Australia in the quarter-finals.

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The Los Angeles Times reported yesterday that the Dodgers had agreed to the terms of a deal with the Padres for veteran right-hander Greg Maddux. Citing an anonymous person close to the deal, the newspaper did not know who San Diego would receive in return. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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CHL Euro draft under fire

Junior hockey looking at eliminating import spots

Citing a difficulty in signing them and a decline in the quality of their play, a movement is gaining traction to eliminate European hockey players from Canada's major junior hockey teams.

The Ontario Hockey League discussed the potential of eliminating the annual draft of European players at the league's recent summer meetings in Collingwood.

The question — more a talking point than a policy directive — is on the agenda for this week's (Aug. 20-24) meeting of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League in Victoriaville.

And the issue is expected to be discussed when the Western Hockey League's meetings in October.

"We haven't decided anything yet," said David Branch, commissioner of the OHL and the Canadian Hockey League. "What we wanted to do was bring it forward to the other two leagues. We haven't taken a position. We just want to see what the whole environment is in terms of the use of import players."

Each CHL team in Canada and the United States can have up to two European players. The CHL has been drafting Europeans since 1992.

At first, many bristled at the notion of European players taking jobs — and development time — from Canadian and American



The Halifax Mooseheads got their money's worth when they picked Jakub Voracek of the Czech Republic first overall in the 2006 CHL import draft. But many officials in the CHL are looking at getting rid of the European draft.

kids.

But even though a fair number made an impact at both the junior and NHL levels, now some general managers simply say the European invasion may have run its course.

"I think it was a great idea, but right now it's a we're in a different situation," said Brian Kilrea, coach and general manager of the Ottawa 67s and one

of the forces behind the elimination of the European draft. "In the old days, players wanted to come over to play.

"Now once their European clubs realize that these players we've drafted are on their team, they want to keep them, or sell them to the highest bidder."

Just like the NHL, the CHL has no transfer agreement with European teams.

Teams in the CHL can pay \$2,400 per year to a European player's native club. The CHL teams are saying that European teams want much more.

"This is for sure something we've been facing for the last couple of years, that European teams want to keep their players in their country," said Gilles Courteau, commissioner of the QMJHL.

Some CHL teams are simply better at landing the European players they draft, whether it's through relationships with scouts, agents or foreign coaches. But other junior teams have come to suspect one another of simply giving in to European demands.

There are other issues at play as well, beginning with the well-worn notion that Europeans are taking opportunities away from Canadian and American players. The leagues are also looking at whether the quality of the European player — is he making an impact? — is worth the cost.

"At the beginning, our teams were very happy about the European draft and the quality of the players," said Courteau.

"But for a couple of years it's been getting tougher and tougher to bring those players over. And when they do come, the quality of those players is not the same."

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Rangers' Kinsler goes on DL

Texas Rangers second baseman and American League MVP candidate Ian Kinsler, left, was placed on the 15-day disabled list yesterday with a sports hernia. Coming into yesterday's action, Kinsler, 26, led the majors in hits (165) and runs (102) while posting a superb .319 average with 41 doubles, 71 RBI and 26 steals, all of which have already surpassed his previous career-highs.

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Dartmouth Moosehead Dry player-coach Darren Doucette will accept nothing less than a first-place finish at this week's Canadian senior baseball championship in Brandon, Man.

Gold or bust as Dry heads to national championship

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BASEBALL For many teams, just making it to the Canadian senior baseball championship is the ultimate goal. For Dartmouth Moosehead Dry — winners of five straight provincial titles and 13 of the past 17 banners — the bar is set much higher.

"For us, going to nationals has happened so often, anything less than a gold medal is a huge disappointment," Dartmouth player-coach Darren Doucette explained.

The Dry are off to yet another national championship this week in Brandon, Man., starting Thursday, opening the tournament with games against Newfoundland and host Manitoba.

They're coming off a 21-6 season in the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League, and closed the year with just one loss in the final 17 games, including a 14-game winning streak.

"It's a decent streak, but our regular seasons have always been a tune-up for this tournament, and for our playoffs, and we've got to keep things rolling," Doucette said.

Chris Head (.416 batting average), Joel Irvine (.355) and Chris Goodie (28 RBI) are Dartmouth's top hitters, while Doucette is a slugger who always rises to the occasion at nationals.

Pickups Ian Lockhart (Kentville), Billy MacKenzie (Truro) and Jason Hoyt (Truro) should provide a boost.

Pitching is the Dry's strength, with three former Major League draft picks in Matt McDonald (1.96 ERA), Steve Nelson (7-3, 2.12 ERA) and Craig Langille (7-2, 2.15 ERA), a former NSSBL most valuable player in Jason Bailey, and quality pickups Craig Higgins (Truro) and Barrett Bellefontaine (Halifax).

Doucette said the pieces are in place to return to the form Dartmouth showed when it captured back-to-back national championships in 2004 and 2005.

"When you look at the big picture, we're right where we want to be," he said. "We have the best pitching staff we've gone out with and we have a good draw as far as the schedule. Everything's there for us. We just have to go out and execute."

The gold-medal game is Sunday.

Sports in brief

HARNESS RACING Truro-owned Somebeachsomewhere set a world record en route to winning the Confederation Cup at Flamboro Downs Raceway in Hamilton, Ont., on Sunday. Somebeachsomewhere posted a time of 1:49.4 in the one-mile, \$493,000 event. The horse has earned roughly \$2.3 million with 14 victories in 15 career starts.

HOCKEY Hammonds Plains blue-liner Brittany Haverstock made Canada's under-22 women's hockey team on the weekend. She was one of just six 1990-born players on the team, which will compete in a three-game mini-series against the United States starting tomorrow in Pierrefonds, Que.

HOCKEY Halifax forward Jillian Saulnier made Canada's under-18 women's hockey team on the weekend. Saulnier will face the United States in a three-game series starting tomorrow in Lake Placid, N.Y. Baddeck's Jessica Wong also made the team.

HOCKEY Halifax's Stephen Dixon is headed to the Swedish Elite League this season. Dixon, who spent the past three seasons in the minor-league systems of the Anaheim Ducks and Pittsburgh Penguins, has signed with Brynas, according to the team's official website. He had 45 points in 80 games with the AHL's Portland Pirates last season.

METRO HALIFAX

SCOREBOARD

MLB					CENTRAL DIVISION					Detroit at Texas, 9:05				
AMERICAN LEAGUE					W	L	PCT	GB	Oakland at Minnesota, 9:10					
EAST DIVISION					Chicago Cubs	76	48	.613	—	Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 9:11				
					Milwaukee	72	54	.571	5	NATIONAL LEAGUE				
					St. Louis	70	57	.551	7½	Washington at Philadelphia, 8:05				
Tampa Bay	76	48	.613	—	Pittsburgh	63	62	.504	13½	Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 8:10				
Boston	72	53	.576	4½	Cincinnati	56	69	.448	20½	Houston at Milwaukee, 9:05				
N.Y. Yankees	66	58	.532	10	Cincinnati	55	70	.440	21½	Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 9:15				
Toronto	64	60	.516	12	WEST DIVISION					San Diego at Arizona, 10:40				
Baltimore	60	64	.484	16	Arizona	64	60	.516	—	Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 11:10				
CENTRAL DIVISION					W	L	PCT	GB	Florida at San Francisco, 11:15					
Chicago Sox	71	53	.573	—	L.A. Dodgers	64	60	.516	—	CFL				
Minnesota	70	54	.565	1	Colorado	57	69	.452	8	EAST DIVISION				
Detroit	60	64	.484	10½	San Francisco	53	71	.427	11	W				
Cleveland	56	67	.455	14	San Diego	48	76	.387	16	L				
Kansas City	55	69	.444	15½	YESTERDAY'S RESULTS					T				
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L.A. Angels	76	47	.618	—	BOSTON 6 Baltimore 3					Montreal				
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EAST DIVISION					PITTSBURGH 5 N.Y. METS 2					2				
N.Y. Mets	68	57	.544	—	SAN FRANCISCO 5 ATLANTA 0					6				
Florida	66	58	.532	1½	MILWAUKEE 9 HOUSTON 3					2				
Atlanta	56	69	.444	12	TONIGHT'S GAMES					0				
Washington	44	81	.352	24	AMERICAN LEAGUE					Winnipeg				
CENTRAL DIVISION					BOSTON AT BALTIMORE, 8:05					6				
St. Louis	70	57	.551	—	KANSAS CITY AT CLEVELAND, 8:05					0				
Pittsburgh	63	62	.504	13½	N.Y. YANKEES AT TORONTO, 8:07					4				
Cincinnati	56	69	.448	20½	L.A. ANGELS AT TAMPA BAY, 8:10					3				
Cleveland	55	70	.440	21½						0				
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Arizona	64	60	.516	—						4				
L.A. Dodgers	64	60	.516	—						3				
Colorado	57	69	.452	8						0				
San Francisco	53	71	.427	11						8				
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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS										THURSDAY'S GAME				
AMERICAN LEAGUE										Saskatchewan at Edmonton, 10				
BOSTON 6 BALTIMORE 3										FRIDAY'S GAME				
TAMPA BAY 6 L.A. ANGELS 4										Calgary at B.C., 11:30				
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L.A. ANGELS AT TAMPA BAY, 8:10														

Some help for HIV patients

The side effects of AIDS drugs — including increases in belly fat, elevated blood pressure, and high triglyceride levels — are significantly reduced by very small doses of growth hormone, according to the results of a new trial. **REUTERS**

Health



The benefits of cocoa

Next time you have a chocolate craving, try reaching for something that provides more than just a sweet fix. Chocolate+Plus, a new brand exclusive to Shoppers Drug Mart and Pharmaprix, is a healthier alternative to the traditional chocolate bar snack. It is gourmet chocolate infused with calcium, probiotics and vitamins. The 50g bars are available in eight flavours and cost \$2.49. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Confessions of an Olympics couch potato

HineSight

Anne Hines



The Olympic games. What better way to celebrate the power and majesty of human athleticism than to hole up on the couch for two weeks and watch it all on TV?

For those wishing to participate at the highest level of Olympic Watching here is The Couch Potato (our slogan: "Just view it!") Guide to the Olympics.

Tip #1: Move away from the remote and no one will get hurt.

In our house, deciding who gets control of the channel changer is a tougher event than Olympic wrestling. The key to enjoying Olympic viewing is not to develop "channel envy." This is a medically recognized, psychological condition described as: "The persistent and compelling feeling that whatever you're watching on CBC, something better is likely happening on NBC." A bad case of this has resulted in my missing the American men's gymnastics upset and every one of Phelps' gold medal wins.

Tip #2: Know your limit and watch within it.

For anyone who did not

properly prepare for the upcoming Olympics by weaning yourself off the need to sleep, keep this in mind: just because you can stay up until 2 a.m. watching Norwegian women's ping pong finals, doesn't mean you'll respect yourself for it in the morning. Somehow, around midnight I become deeply committed to knowing the outcome of sports I previously had never heard of. Choose a viewing limit and when you reach it, turn off the TV. I mean, unless the men's skiff dinghy racing is on. Or the Cuban team is playing whirly ball. Or...

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Tip #3: Do your research: Taking time to do a little homework will enhance your enjoyment of the games.

As Canadians, it helps to make a list of countries less likely to get medals than we are. In years when our team is less than stellar, consider including countries that did not actually send any athletes.

Tip #4: Prep for post-Olympic blahs.

While the athletes may take home golds, silvers and bronzes, TV viewers are often left with the blues. Use this moment to commit yourself to the kind of rigorous endurance testing the Olympic games inspire. Then, rent all eight seasons of the Sopranos and go for gold.

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Transit riders thinner

Densely populated areas boast lower rates of obesity, study

CELIA MILNE
for Metro Canada



Ongoing research in Canada shows that people who live in the urban core (and who use public transit) are generally thinner than suburbanites.

"Our research shows that people who take public transit have lower obesity rates than those who drive," says Lisa Votta, a senior researcher at the Canadian Institute for Health Information in Ottawa. "They are getting some physical activity walking to the bus stop or the subway, as opposed to using cars."

This parallels new research at the University of Utah that shows people who live in newer neighbourhoods (built after 1950) are more likely to be obese than those who live in older, more walkable neighbourhoods. Researchers studied the heights and weights, as well as neighbourhood characteristics, of nearly half a million residents of Salt Lake County. Older neighbourhoods that



New research at the University of Utah shows people who live in newer neighbourhoods (built after 1950) are more likely to be obese than those who live in older, transit-friendly neighbourhoods.

are densely populated and more friendly to pedestrians were associated with lower rates of obesity than those where people mostly drove.

For instance, a typical woman of average height (5'5") who lived in a walkable neighbourhood tended to weigh six pounds less than a woman living in driving-ori-

ented area. For men, the difference was 10 pounds. The Utah study noted that about 70 per cent of men and 61 per cent of women in the U.S.

are overweight.

For each daily extra hour spent in the car, the likelihood of obesity is raised by six per cent, says Votta.

Health in brief

WATER'S CLEANSING POWER

Detoxification is the first step in any weight loss program. Drink at least eight to 10 glasses of filtered, distilled, or spring water each day. Add a few drops of fresh lemon juice to boost water's cleansing potential. Water also helps to curb the appetite. When you're hungry, drink a large glass of water first. **ALIVE MAGAZINE**

RETHINK YOUR DEODORANT

Before you buy your next deodorant, look for products that use natural ingredients rather than propylene glycol and ethylhexylglycerine. The botanical flora on the surface of the skin may differ from one person to another, so try natural brands containing different antibacterials. **ALIVE MAGAZINE**

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Entertainment



Art opening

Halifax-based artist Mitchell Wiebe will open an exhibit of whimsical work at Gallery Page and Strange on Wednesday. The event will feature a performance. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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In brief

TV Halifax chef Ray Bear will be featured on *The Chef's Domain*, an eight part cross-Canada culinary adventure. The show looks at the lead-up to a meal, and gives an inside peek at tricks of the trade when it comes to gathering ingredients. The episode featuring Bear will air on CTV Travel on Sunday, Aug. 31, at 9 p.m.

ART Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent universities are both opening new exhibits at their galleries this week. The Dalhousie gallery is holding an opening reception for *Exalted Beings: Animal Relationships*, a show looking at the relationship between people and animals, on Thursday at 8 p.m.

ART The MSVU gallery is opening *Anthem: Perspectives on Home and Native Land* this Saturday. The show looks at seven different artists' ideas about Canadian identity, nationhood and nationalism. Both shows will remain on display through Oct. 5. **METRO HALIFAX**

The return of an original teen idol

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Info

What: David Cassidy
Where: Casino Nova Scotia
When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$59. Call 451-1221 or visit ticketatlantic.ca.

Would you wear a black polyester jumpsuit emblazoned on the chest with a large white Pegasus flying through space? David Cassidy did — and he isn't ashamed about it.

"The guy who did it also made jumpsuits for Elvis and stuff for [Mick] Jagger," said the former teen idol. "I knew what I was thinking." Apparently, he did. Even though *The Partridge Family* went off the air in 1974 — it continues on in syndication — Cassidy remains a sex symbol for more than one generation of screaming fans.

"Am I surprised by the success that it was? No, because I experienced it, but I was never expecting it to

be that," said Cassidy, who appears at Casino Nova Scotia this weekend. "It's been a fantastic journey for me."

That journey started before *The Partridge Family* even hit the air in 1970. With his androgynous look, he was an It boy in the late 1960s, guesting on a number of hit shows before landing the role of Keith Partridge.

"They knew I could sing and play guitar, but I was cast as an actor and if I couldn't play or sing I still



David Cassidy will perform this weekend at Casino Nova Scotia.

would have gotten the part — like everyone else did."

Fortunately, the song *I Think I Love You* hit the

airwaves before the series started to air, prompting a mass hysteria for him, and ensuring Cassidy's place in pop culture.

"I couldn't go to the supermarket, I couldn't stand in line at the bank," said Cassidy, who spent the next four years working non-stop before deciding to walk away from the series.

"I remember meeting people and they would tell me 'Well, I got to go to the bank,' and I'd be 'Really, what is that like?'"

Cassidy's path has been a well-trodden one in recent years, with young actors — like Hilary Duff and Miley Cyrus — using small-screen success to transition into music.

"I suppose," Cassidy said about being one of the first, "I never think of myself with that regard. I just know my own personal journey, and my own professional journey has been a pretty miraculous one."

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Zombies sans clothes

Sony Pictures will release *Zombie Strippers* on DVD & Blu-ray this Oct. 28.

The horror comedy stars Robert Englund and Jenna Jameson, right. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



DVD picks

Brand Upon the Brain!

Director: **Guy Maddin**
Stars: **Gretchen Krich, Maya Lawson**
Rating: **14A**

THIS BEING a Guy Maddin movie, we have to take the exclamation point seriously. Not solemnly, mind you, but seriously. The prairie visionary means business with that punctuation mark — watching a Maddin film is like being hit by lightning.

You'll still have a good time, if you're in the right frame of mind. So even though this wondrous "Remembrance in 12 Chapters" has a peeping mom, a brain-drilling mad scientist dad, a cross-dressing detective, a satanic feral child, and occasional bouts of nudity, cannibalism, womb-robbery and hands-free hormonal activity, there's no reason to be frightened. Much. It's a combination of Grand Guignol freakout, Expressionist horror, Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys detective fiction and tender

childhood reminiscence — if your childhood happened to be in a remote lighthouse orphanage where mom bathed in turpentine and sounded her "Horn of Chastity" while dad did unspeakable things in the basement.

Ariadne auf Naxos

Conductor: **Christoph von Dohnányi**
Stars: **Emily Magee, Elena Moşcu**

THINK OF THIS as an operatic version of Jean-Paul Sartre's *No Exit*, a purgatory where all the characters face difficult truths about themselves, in strange and funny ways. Real-life composer Richard Strauss and librettist Hugo von Hofmannsthal lived their own ironic torment as their sprawling fusion of comic theatre (Molière's *Le bourgeois gentilhomme*) and serious opera (about Ariadne, lone and lorn on an island) was born.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

They might be onto something ...

FOREVER YOUNG: The latest transatlantic TV sensation is *Skins*, the very controversial comic drama featuring a cast of real teens hooking up and getting wasted that BBC America is currently featuring in one big block collecting its first two seasons.

It's a good move, because it gives some substance to remarkably brief British TV seasons (*Skins*' first season is only 9 episodes long, the second an epic 10), but because virtually the whole of the cast was replaced for the upcoming season three, a move that the show's creator says is intentional.

"Our show is for young people," Bryan Elsley told the *New York Times*.

"We want our actors to be the same age as not only the characters they're playing, but the same age as our audience."

So that means once

they reach the age of 18, 19, they can't be in the show anymore.

"Our thesis is that it's going to keep our show fresh."

As someone who's frequently advocated a legal requirement for rock bands to break up after two albums, and an outright ban on movie sequels, this is as good an

arbitrary rule as anyone's ever made on television. A judicious application would have saved us from a hundred concept

albums, *Godfather III* and NBC's *Joey*.

AIN'T GOT NO HOME:

One of the biggest human interest stories at the beginning of the summer was the dire straits that former Johnny Carson sidekick Ed McMahon had landed in — massively in debt and about to lose his Beverly Hills mansion due to bad investments, an injury that



Donald Trump comes to Ed McMahon's rescue.

had prevented the 85-year-old from working and, it was rumoured, too many credit card shopping sprees by his younger wife, Pamela.

Last week, though, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that none other than Donald Trump had come to McMahon's rescue, buying the home that McMahon had originally put on the market two years ago for US\$7 million for the low, low price of just \$4.6 million.

"I don't know the man, but I grew up watching him on TV," Trump told the *Times*, who reported that he's leasing the property back to McMahon for an undisclosed

sum.

The deal took place after McMahon's real estate agent flew to New York to make a personal appeal to Trump.

"When I was at the Wharton School of Business," Trump told the *Times*, "I'd watch him every night. How could this happen?"

An odd but undeniable act of charity, obviously, but you have to wonder about the downsides to having Trump as your landlord; given the real estate mogul and reality TV impresario's markedly baroque taste in home furnishings, as showcased on his Trump Tower apartment during episodes of *The Apprentice*, McMahon might find himself living in the pool house every now and then as workers put wall-sized mirrors and ornate sideboards in the TV room, or cover the pantry with marble and gilt-framed paintings of frolicking cherubs.

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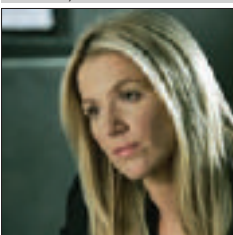
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critics' corner

Without a Trace
In "Driven," the team investigates the disappearance of a tow truck driver who was praised as a hero for saving a boy from being hit by a bus. It turns out he's been trying to make up for a tragedy in his past. Speaking of pasts, Sam (Poppy Montgomery) isn't pleased when Jack (Anthony LaPaglia) digs up some dirt on her baby's father (Adam Kaufman). 11 PM on ABC CBS



XXIX Summer Olympics
No matter where Quebecois diver Alexandre Despatie ends up today in the final of the men's 3-meter springboard, his performance will be considered a triumph in itself. He's coming back from a fractured right foot he suffered in April, an injury that put a cloud over his training for the Olympics. Now that he's here, he faces another formidable challenge: overcoming the favored Qin Kai and He Chong of China's vaunted "dream team." 7 AM on CBC

Mon Oncle Antoine
He must be one heck of an uncle to have an entire movie devoted to him. This 1971 film follows the life of a young orphan (Jacques Gagnon) as he spends Christmas at his aunt and uncle's (Olivette Thibault, Jean Duceppe) home in rural Quebec. While there, he learns more about his family as well as himself. 8:10 PM on PIX

Celebrity Buzz

Barr bashes Brangelina

BLOG Roseanne Barr says Angelina Jolie is "evil" and her hubby Brad Pitt "vacuous," TMZ.com reports.

Roseanne went insane on her blog, scoffing that Jolie likes Republican presidential candidate John McCain, but hasn't decided whom to endorse.

Roseanne rants, "Do you not know that the African daughter you hold in every picture had parents who suffered and died because of the Republican party's worldwide economic assault on Africa?"

She also mentions two of the other kids are Vietnamese and Thai (actually, Maddox is Cambodian), saying their real families are "victims of America's right-wing military incursions."

Roseanne goes on to claim that Brad brings in \$40 million US a year in violent, psychotic films and gives a relatively paltry \$3 million "to starving children trying to look as if they give a crap about humanity."

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Phil's bills: Love costly for Collins

DIVORCE The third time was certainly not the charm for Phil Collins, who's facing yet another pricey divorce, People.com reports.

After six years of marriage and two children, the musician's former wife, Orianne Cevey, 35, has received \$46.76 million US from Collins, 57, reports Britain's Daily Mirror. The record settlement tops by some \$2 million what Paul McCartney gave Heather Mills earlier this year.

Collins is no stranger to expensive breakups. Second wife Jill Tavelman received \$34 million after he ended their relation-

ship by fax in 1994.

In all, according to a Daily Telegraph tally, Collins's divorces have cost him \$84 million — nearly a third of his estimated \$280 fortune. Collins and Cevey met on tour in 1994 while she was working as a translator. Their children are Nicolas, 8, and Matthew, 4.

Collins also has three other children: Lily, from his marriage with Tavelman, and Simon and Joely from his first

marriage to Canadian-born Andrea Bertorelli. That union ended in 1979.

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Madge's lil' bash

BIRTHDAY Madonna celebrated her 50th birthday Saturday at London club Volstead. "It was a small party," a source confirmed to People.com. "A private event for her close family and friends. It was low key."

The elaborate bash was organized by her husband Guy Ritchie. Highlights of the evening, included Madonna's daughter Lourdes serenading her on piano and illusionist David Blaine performing card tricks.

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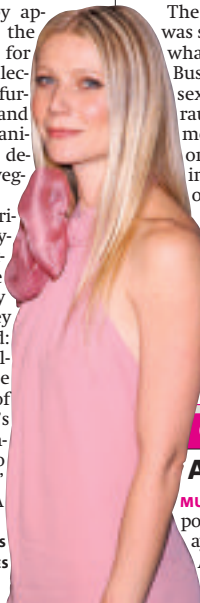
celebrity brief

Paltrow draws PETA's wrath

FUR Gwyneth Paltrow is the latest celebrity to feel the wrath of anti-fur campaigners, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actress has angered PETA by appearing in the campaign for Tod's latest collection wearing fur-lined boots and promoting animal-skin bags, despite being a vegetarian.

PETA have criticized Gwyneth for setting a terrible example by taking money for the ad: "Gwyneth Paltrow won't be the apple of her daughter's eye if she continues to flaunt fur," said a PETA spokesperson.

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Kardashian a techno whiz

PERFORMANCE Kim Kardashian gave her boyfriend a sneak preview of her routine with the Pussycat Dolls via webcam, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The curvy socialite was so keen to find out what lover Reggie Bush thought of her sexy outfit and raunchy dance moves that she put on a private show for him ahead of her live performance with the dance troupe in Las Vegas last Friday night. She said: "I did iChat with Reggie and I had my costume on

for his approval. I did my whole dance for him when I was practising. He thought it was so cute. He said, 'Please videotape it so you can send it to me right after.'"

Following the performance, Kim said: "My first part of the show started off in the bathtub in the middle of the club in a vintage, all-se-

quin, one-piece bathing suit with puff sleeves and a beach ball! But my second look was my favourite! A white be-dazzled sailor suit. It even had a Kim patch on the sleeve! It went amazingly well and was the best experience ever!"

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Avril is just 'too sexy' for some Malaysian politicians

MUSIC The major opposition party in Malaysia wants to stop Avril Lavigne's concert in Kuala Lum-

pur later this month because, as they put it, "It is considered too sexy for us ... we want clean artists."

TMZ.com reports that

Malaysia mandates all performers be covered from chest to knees. Jumping on stage is verboten.

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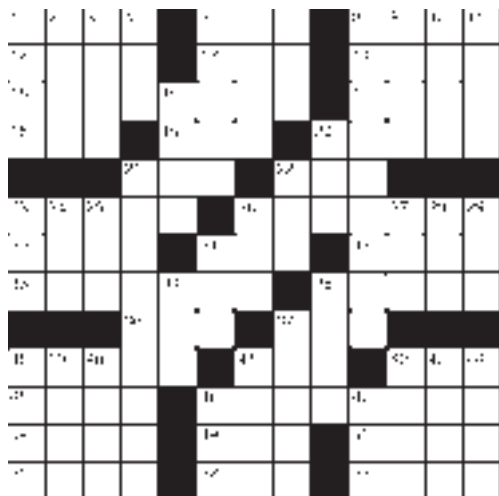
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Lennox in recovery

Annie Lennox has had successful spinal surgery for a back injury she sustained in Mexico while attending this month's International AIDS conference, people.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Take Five



Crossword down

- 1 Quail group
- 2 On the briny
- 3 Quest for adventure
- 4 Pair on stage
- 5 Long-legged shorebird
- 6 Thrill
- 7 Verily
- 8 Truthful
- 9 Beyond eager
- 10 Farmer's wife's quarry
- 11 Trudge
- 16 Requirement
- 20 Write in the margins
- 21 Burlingtonian, e.g.
- 22 Pooch
- 23 Golfer Ernie
- 24 Kitten's remark
- 25 Arthur of "The Golden

- Girls"
- 26 Pie ingredient?
- 27 Scepter topper
- 28 Beak
- 29 Sauce source
- 31 Lustrous black
- 34 Prize-fighter
- 35 KFC flavorer
- 37 Tales
- 38 Impale
- 39 Unrivaled
- 40 Greek vowel
- 41 Laborer
- 42 Zetas' followers
- 43 Showbiz jobs
- 44 Leave out
- 46 Compete
- 47 Intensify, with up

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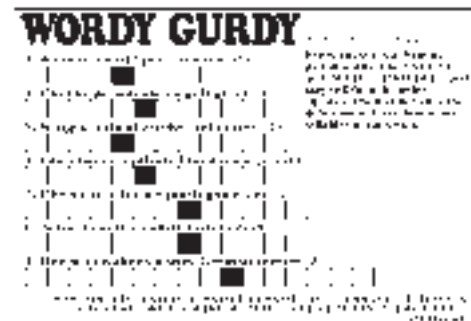
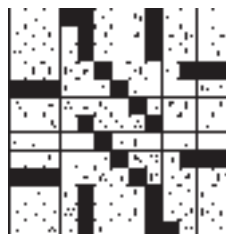
Crossword across

- 1 Hairless
- 5 The air up there
- 8 Improvise
- 12 Birthright barterer
- 13 Neckwear
- 14 Satan's specialty
- 15 Archie's brunette girlfriend
- 17 Puerto—
- 18 Tibetan bovine
- 19 Moose's cousin
- 20 Blasé

- 21 Animal treater
- 22 Happy companion?
- 23 Enclose tightly
- 26 Gestures
- 30 Ogler's look
- 31 Moonshine container
- 32 Sandwich cookie
- 33 Overwhelmed
- 35 Spouse
- 36 Chic no longer
- 37 "Of course"

- 38 David's weapon
- 41 Standard
- 42 "I" strain
- 45 Horn sound
- 46 Not paraphrased
- 48 Initial chip
- 49 Charged bit
- 50 Crèche visitors
- 51 Tolerate
- 52 Type measures
- 53 "Hey, you!"

previous day's answer



This day in history

AUG. 19, 1692: Salem witch trials: In Salem, Mass., five people, one woman and four men, including a clergyman, are executed after being convicted of witchcraft.
AUG. 19, 1919: Afghanistan gains full independence from the United Kingdom.
AUG. 19, 1934: The creation of the position Führer approved by the German electorate with 89.9% of the popular vote.
AUG. 19, 1960: Sputnik program: Sputnik 5 - The Soviet Union launches the satellite with the dogs Belka and Strelka, 40 mice, 2 rats and a variety of plants.

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

5	7	8	1	6	3	4	9	2
1	9	3	4	2	5	8	7	6
4	6	2	9	8	7	1	5	3
9	4	7	3	1	2	5	6	8
2	8	1	5	7	6	9	3	4
6	3	5	8	9	4	2	1	7
8	1	6	2	3	9	7	4	5
3	2	4	7	5	1	6	8	9
7	5	9	6	4	8	3	2	1

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13: Genius
13-17: Scholar
17-21: Smart
21-25: Not bad
25+ : Keep practising
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Horoscopes

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

There'll be a meeting to discuss property. Think fast at a job site. A recent change will become beneficial.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Indulgence in leisure activities is delayed. A friend introduces a helpful person. Meet with others to deal with bullying.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Details will be misunderstood. Be attentive to people's feelings and all will be well. Questions about health and family will crop up.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Policy changes can bring relief. Seek out a miracle and take responsibility. The grass isn't greener anywhere else.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Don't create chaos at a gathering. Delight develops when you indulge in music. Grant a request as soon as possible.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Join a group that supports your interests. A troubled person will ask for help. A dream will cause revamping of your plans.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Triumphing over your workload will satisfy you. Someone wants sympathy for a lost cause. A buddy needs funds to do good deeds.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Don't be a fool for love. Put off telling someone about a realization. A woman carries out a nefarious plan.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Money will be discussed with a frosty person. Ask discreetly about the reasons for a break-up. Brave words will be spoken.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A housemate will change plans. An ambiguous experiment will have good results. Poor work habits will give rise to a lecture.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Save yourself from anxiety. Don't play the heavy with a buddy. Avoid stimulating activities or you won't get to sleep.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

A passionate debate with a loving person leads to goodwill. Be very clear when giving advice. A boy will take a risk by sleeping in

Sudoku

	4			1		6	3
		6		5	9		
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9	2		8			1	

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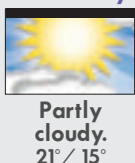
Tonight



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



Temperature Normals
High: 22°
Low: 13.5°

Records
High: 27.8°/1966
Low: 7.8°/1976

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Sunset: 8:12 p.m.
Moonset: 9:22 a.m.
Moonrise: 9:12 p.m.

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